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FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

TAFT STRONG FOR STATEHOOD

GREETED BY THOUSANDS

Prescott Gives Magnificent Welcome to the Head Of the Nation.

President William H. Taft has come and gone, and in the brief space of an hour and a half his memorable call has marked a red-letter event in the history of Prescott—an event that will be a vivid spot in the lives of the seven thousand cheering citizens and the one thousand jubilant children who saw and heard the chief executive of the nation.

It was only for ninety minutes that the president was the guest of the Queen City of Arizona, but there was crowded in that short period many features that not only made the entertainment itself an unqualified success, but probably will be stamped indelibly upon the memory of the president.

Impressive Events.

There have been many and other parades which the nation's chief has headed but none where enthusiasm and patriotism were so prominent when comparative numbers are considered. That legend token of Hassayampa water by Chairman Morrison; the presentation of the Masonic emblem transformed out of a Yavapai county gold nugget, and the informal reception at the Yavapai club, where he greeted the representative citizenship of the city, are all incidents that cannot fail to impress the president in the future as bright spots in his long circuitous journey across the continent among the millions of people over whose material destinies he presides.

His Speech a Sermon.

And if President Taft was pleased with his reception at Prescott, and there is no doubt that he was—as he both publicly and privately expressed that sentiment—Prescott in turn was pleased with the president. That expansive smile, fortified by some 300 pounds of jovial, golf-hardened humanity, at once won the favor of the people, and his straightforward talk, distinguished by rare good sense, and punctuated by a sermon on the responsibilities the electors in framing a constitution, created confidence, admiration and a host of friends among those of opposite political faith. All over the city last night praises resounded for the president's speech, not particularly because he emphatically declared that he would do all in his power to confer statehood upon Arizona, but principally because by his clear-cut sentiments in regard to the solemn duties of citizenship in connection with the framing of the new constitution.

Insight Into His Character.

But there was one incident that occurred of which but few had knowledge. Just before the president spoke, Captain A. W. Butts, chief of the secret service, spoke to the mounted patrol that were guarding the ropes, and said: "Let down the ropes and bring the people close to the stand." Turning to the Journal-Miner representative, he explained: "The president wants the people as close to him as possible."

That one incident more than any other, served to illustrate the true character of William H. Taft. It showed not only his confidence in the people of Arizona; his lack of fear of being struck down by an assassin after scanning the faces of the throng before him, but also revealed the man himself and the spirit that actuates his policies.

"I want to get close to the people," and in those few words addressed to the secret service officer,

he spoke volumes. That is the sort of a man that Taft is.

His Personality.

The president of the United States of America possesses one of those big frames which dominate any assemblage. He looms up big in any company. There is something about him that compels attention, respect and hearing. Surmounting that giant frame, there is a large, well-shaped, commanding head and a face that beams peace, good will, friendliness, understanding and amiability; such a head and face as would be turned to under any circumstances with confidence and fellow feeling.

Hand Shake Eloquent.

Taft does not hold his welcoming hand out like a basket—palm up—in which if you will, you may lay yours. He does not proffer it to you as though he were through with it. He doesn't swing it forward so that you may grasp it as a street car strap. Mr. Taft shakes hands, and when you are through you know it—and you feel as though he did, too.

This is the man Taft, big in frame, commanding in appearance, kindly in face, hearty in greeting, direct in manner.

This is the president whose private train rolled into the depot last evening at 5:51 o'clock, drawn by two engines looking as proud as shining machines of brass and steel can look, and saluted by the shrieking whistles of the entire city.

MEAT PACKERS IN SESSION.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—The fourth annual meeting of the American Meat Packers' association began at the Hotel LaSalle in this city today with an attendance of several hundred members from Cincinnati, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph and other leading centers of the packing industry.

HENEY MAJORITY INCREASES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 18.—An addition recount of twenty-five precinct ballot boxes gave Henev seven more majority over Fickert. The total now reaches forty-seven.



WILLIAM H. TAFT.

PRESIDENT SAYS EVEN ARIZONA BABIES CRY FOR ADMISSION

President Taft last evening in his address to the citizens of Prescott spoke in full as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen of Prescott: My father used to tell me a story of an old gentleman who loaned his coat to another man, and said to him as he went away, 'Don't swear while you wear that coat.' He went away, and he came back after two or three hours, and the owner of the coat asked him whether he had sworn. He said 'No. I have never sworn, but I never felt so much like lying in my life.' (Much laughter.)

"After that dose which your chairman administered to me, I felt like 'drawing the long bow,' as never before in this trip.

"I am delighted to meet you (from the crowd, 'thank you'). I am willing to admit, as I suppose you are, the truth of the statement of the chairman that I have not addressed, anywhere, an audience of which this is not a peer. (Great applause.)

"I see that you admit it, and you have not drank any of that famed water either. (Applause.) I got some of the water on the way up, but I believe it was from below the crossing. I have it in a canteen and I expect to try it on some of the company.

"My fellow citizens, in spite of the somewhat jocular way

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CITY PROVES ROYAL HOST

Chief Executive is Given A Valuable Memento Of His Visit.

A thousand people had gathered at the Santa Fe depot to obtain their first glimpse of the chief executive and when the whistle of the pilot engine sounded at 5:38 o'clock a shout went up, "Here he comes." But this was an error for the pilot was running ten minutes ahead of the presidential train and it came dashing into the yards under a full head of steam at 5:40 o'clock. Eleven minutes later the big special rolled in and then there was tremendous cheering while the band up the street vigorously played "Hail to the Chief."

Bowing a cheery good-evening to the welcoming throng, as he alighted from his car, he was greeted by Mayor Goldwater, Chairman Robt. E. Morrison and Chas. T. Joslin, chairman of the committee of arrangements, and escorted with Postmaster General Hitchcock, Governor Sloan and Captain A. W. Butts to No. 1 automobile which had C. D. Harvey at the wheel. All of the other members of the presidential party and Governor Sloan's party were expeditiously placed in the cars that had been assigned to them, a clear passage way having been provided by stretching ropes at the south end of the building. Guarding this temporary avenue were Sheriff Smith and his mounted escort while the regulars from Fort Huachuca under the command of Lieutenant Sampson were disposed at the rear and at the side of the train. The arrangements had been perfectly planned by Mr. Joslin and everything went so smoothly as to cause Governor Sloan to remark: "Prescott is all right."

The Parade.

When all of the visitors had been seated in the conveyances, the procession formed with the Prescott band in the lead and Sheriff Smith and his mounted escort immediately preceding the president's automobile. The sheriff's aides were Joe Cook, Chas. Keeler, S. A. Pierce, Geo. Ruffner, Geo. Merritt, F. E. Andrews, J. J. Reddick, F. Burns, Frank Heisler, H. Bowdre and Tom Taylor of Jerome.

To the right of the procession, proudly marched the veterans of the Grand Army, headed by A. J. Judd,

acting post commander. It was an inspiring and touching sight, these grizzled and hobbling heroes of the Civil war, when contrasted with the regulars of the Fifteenth infantry in full dress uniform, who kept martial step with them on the opposite side of the moving column of automobiles and carriages.

All along the route, which was canopied by flags and flanked by a continuous line of national colors on either side, a repeated succession of welcoming cheers and waving of flags, greeted the president and his party.

School Children in Evidence.

At the speaker's stand, Company E of the national guard of Arizona, with Captain Coykendall in charge, were stationed, and as the president's carriage rolled up they presented arms while the air was rent with the shrill shouts of 600 happy children from the public schools and St. Joseph's Academy. It was an inspiring spectacle—this crowd of joyous children massed in front of the stand with their teachers, and the president was visibly impressed by the scene. To the rear and both sides of the coming generation, was a dense throng of humanity which extended far into the plaza and almost to the courthouse on the eaves of which structure flaunted a banner with the inscription, "We Want Statehood."

Ceremonies Begin.

President Taft upon alighting from his car, was greeted by Chairman Morrison and Hugo Richards and escorted to the large chair provided for him on the stand. Other cars rolled up in turn, their occupants were deposited and hospitably seated upon the platform. It was a distinguished gathering that faced the seven thousand persons congregated in front of the stand, on both sides and also on the balcony of Mayor Goldwater's store; for with the presidential party were representative citizens from nearly every section of the territory.

Morrison's Speech.

As Chairman of the Entertainment Robert's E. Morrison called the meeting to order, and in a voice that was heard clearly to the outer limits of the assemblage, said:

"Canopied by this Arizona sky, in the presence of our pine-clad mountains which are filled and ribbed with gold, silver, and copper, environed by this pure, life-giving atmosphere, our people of the beautiful City of Prescott and of Northern Arizona have assembled in public meeting to participate in a memorable event in the history of the Territory.

"We have on many occasions entertained eminent soldiers, statesmen and patriots, but for the first time the men, women, and children of Prescott and the surrounding country have gathered this evening to see and greet the President of the United States.

"On behalf of the inhabitants of the Territory of Arizona, a population greater than that possessed by twenty-four of the States, having property the assessed valuation of which is larger than that of twenty-seven of the States, at the time of their admission to the Union, a people of unsurpassable intelligence and education, desiring above all things Statehood, we tender our sincere respect to the Chief Executive of the Nation.

On this occasion we have for the (Continued on Page 3.)

